

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3721**
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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Practice of Surgical Technology		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3721 amends Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Sections 44-7-380 and -385. These sections define “surgical technology” and “operating room circulator” and specify the credentials that one must have in order to be hired by a health care facility as a surgical technologist or as an operating room circulator.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health & Environmental Control indicates that any costs associated with inspections or investigations for compliance could be absorbed by the Division of Health Licensing using existing staff and resources. The Departments of Health and Human Services, and Labor Licensing and Regulation as well as the Medical University of South Carolina each indicate the Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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